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1. US- FRG OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS: INITIAL SOUNDINGS

EMBASSY BONN ANTICIPATES TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS ON OFFSET THIS YEAR. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO BRIDGE THE LARGE GAP BETWEEN OUR EXPENDITURES AND THE SUMS THE GERMANS ARE CONSIDERING FOR PROCUREMENT AND DEFENSE PROJECTS WITH "HARD" OFFSET ITEMS, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE TIGHT FRG BUDGET SITUATION. AMBASSADOR HERMES, THE PROBABLE GERMAN NEGOTIATOR, HAS PUT FORWARD TWO PERSONAL SUGGESTIONS, NAMELY A) A FREEZING OF EXCESS DOLLARS IN THE BUNDES BANK INTO LONG- TERM INVESTMENTS, AND B) LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF BUDGET FUNDS IN RETURN FOR LONG- TERM OFFSET SETTLEMENT (4-5 YEARS) WITH MILITARY PROCUREMENT PROCEEDING AS NEEDED.
(CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 5907, 4/25

2. SOUTH VIETNAMESE PROPOSE POLITICAL SOLUTION

IN PARIS, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HAVE PRESENTED THE PRG WITH A DRAFT AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPALS DESIGNED TO REACH A POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR SOUTH VIETNAM. THE AGREEMENT

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PROPOSES, INTER ALIA, A) GENERAL ELECTIONS ON AUGUST 26 TO SELECT AN " ORGAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE" TO DECIDE THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SVN;

B) WITHDRAWAL OF ALL NON- SOUTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN RETURN FOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE DEMOBILIZATION. PRESS REPORTS FROM PARIS INDICATE THAT THE PRG TERMED THE GVN PLAN A PROPAGANDA MANEUVER AND PRESENTED ITS OWN PLAN WHICH MADE IMMEDIATE OBSERVANCE OF THE CEASE- FIRE, RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND IMMEDIATE AND FULL GUARANTEES OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS PREREQUISITES TO ANY POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED) SAIGON 7194, AND UPI 41, 4/25.

3. KISSINGER, SULLIVAN FOR PARIS

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY ZIEGLER ANNOUNCED APRIL 25 THAT DRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SULLIVAN WILL MEET IN PARIS ON APRIL 27 " TO PREPARE A REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND OF APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BRING ABOUT A STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT." IT IS ANTICIPATED, ZIEGLER SAID, THAT " THE ACTUAL REVIEW WILL BE MADE BY DR. KISSINGER AND SPECIAL ADVISER LE DUC THO... AT A MEETING IN PARIS WHICH WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN MID- MAY." (UNCLASSIFIED) WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING, 4/25.

4. UK BOWS ON MBFR

UK BOWED APRIL 25 TO MAJORITY WILL TO ACCEPT SOVIET PROCEDURES ON HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION PROPOSAL, BUT ASKED FOR THREE AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AD HOC GROUP PROPOSED BY SYG. AMENDMENTS WERE TO SPECIFY: 1) THAT EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS SHOULD BE PART OF PROCEDURES PAPER; 2) THAT AGREED RULES SHOULD " APPLY INITIALLY" (VICE " BE CARRIED OVER") TO NEGOTIATIONS AND 3) THAT ALLIED REPS IN VIENNA SHOULD NOW TELESCOPE AGENDA DISCUSSIONS AND SEEK SHORT AGREED COMMUNIQUE INCLUDING DATE AND PLACE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. FRG SUPPORTED AMENDMENTS; US AND NETHERLANDS OPPOSED FIRST AND THIRD AMENDMENTS, AND OTHERS GREETED THEM COOLLY. SYG PROMISED COMPROMISE TEXT FOR

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REVIEW APRIL 26, AND NAC WILL MEET AGAIN ON APRIL 27. USNATO EXPECTS NAC AGREEMENT ON GUIDANCE CABLE ACCEPTABLE TO US IN APRIL 27 MEETING. (SECRET) USNATO 2055, 4/25.

5. SITUATION IN CAMBODIA

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE NAVAL INFANTRY POSITION EAST OF

PHNOM PENH, THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG RIVER OPPOSITE
PHNOM PENH IS NO LONGER UNDER CONTROL OF CAMBODIAN GOVERN-
MENT FORCES. SHOULD THE ENEMY HAVE, OR BRING INTO THE
AREA, WEAPONS OF MEDIUM RANGE, DOWNTOWN PHNOM PENH COULD
BE SUBJECTED TO INDIRECT FIRE. (SECRET) CAMBODIAN DAMSREP
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